

Re: Docket WT 04-435 --

As a crewmember employed by a major US carrier, I have witnessed the level of passenger attention to crew steadily decreasing over the past 15 years.

Allowing cellphone use on the ground (as my carrier does, prior to the aircraft door closing, and upon landing) already creates an unsafe environment from a safety standpoint. Many people are quite unaware of our announcements requesting them to turn off and stow their electronic devices. I doubt that people would pay attention to other important safety-related announcements in an emergency.

Using cell phones during flight is likely to result in conflicts between passengers, as many people tend to shout into their phones, and this would disturb nearby passengers wishing to sleep or work or otherwise remain in peace.